

CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES be pleased to state:

(a) whether the Government have to bear the losses worth crores of rupees due to non-completion of Kahalgaon power project in time;

(b) if so, the initial time schedule thereof;

(c) the reasons for non-completion of this project so far; and

(d) the time by which the said project is likely to be completed?

THE MINISTER OF STATE OF THE MINISTRY OF POWER AND NON-CONVENTIONAL ENERGY SOURCES (SHRI KALAP NATH RAI): (a) Delay in completion of any project could result in cost overruns resulting from price escalation and exchange rate variation for the period of delay depending on the terms of the contract and source of supply of materials. The construction of Kahalgaon Super Thermal Power Project (4x210 MW) has been affected by delay in the supplies, variation in exchange rate of Indian rupee vis-a-vis major foreign currencies, price escalation in respect of uncompleted portion of supplies/works.

(b) Initial time schedule for completion of the project was January, 1993. This was based on the commissioning schedule of 48 months from July, 1987 (the date of signing of main plant contract with M/s. TECHNOFROMEXPORT, USSR), for the first unit and subsequent units at interval of six months each thereafter.

(c) The completion of the project has been delayed mainly because of the following reasons:-

(i) Delay in supplied from earshwhile USSR.

(ii) Non-sequential supplies.

(iii) Industrial relations problems.

(d) The completion of the project is now scheduled for 1994.

[English]

Tourists Visited Ladakh During 1991-92

5230. SHRI GURDAS KAMAT: Will the Minister of CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM be pleased to state:

(a) whether Ladakh is emerging as the major tourist centre in J & K;

(b) if so, the details thereof;

(c) the number of tourists visited Ladakh in 1991-92; and

(d) whether Government propose to set up alternative route for visiting Ladakh; and

(e) if so, the details thereof?

THE MINISTER OF CIVIL AVIATION AND TOURISM (SHRI MADHAVRAO SCINDIA): (a) to (c) Ladakh is increasingly becoming popular with the tourists. However, the relevant statistics are not available.

(d) and (e) Steps are being taken for the development of Kulu-Manali Leh route in coordination with the respective State Government.

**Joint Deep Sea Fishing Venture with
Sovles Union**

5231. SHRIMATI SAROJ DUBEY:
SHRI HARIKISHORE SINGH:

Will the Minister of FOOD PROCESSING INDUSTRIES be pleased to state: